# CIC BALANCED FUND

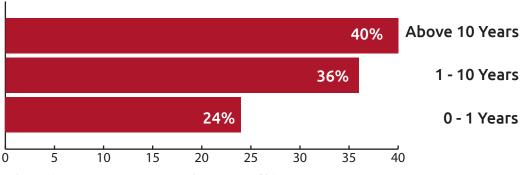
Fact Sheet - December 2023



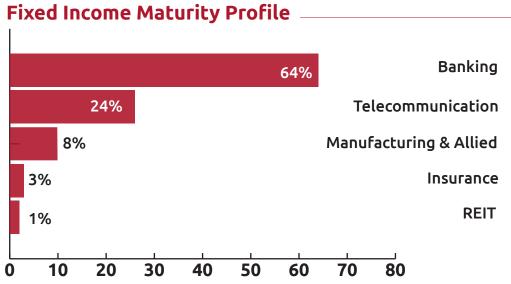
Key Features —————	
Fund Manager	CIC Asset Management Ltd
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Launch Date	June - 11
Risk Profile	Moderate
Trustee	Kenya Commercial Bank
Custodian	Co-op Custodial Services
Auditors	PWC
Minimum Investment:	Ksh 5,000.00
Minimum Additional Investment	Ksh 1,000.00
Initial Fee	2.25%
Annual Management Fee	2.00%

### Fixed Income Maturity Profile \_

Distribution



Quarterly



## Market Commentary -

**GDP** - In Q3 2023, economic activity grew by 5.9% with positive effects from a recovery in the agricultural sector and tourism receipts. CBK projections show that Kenya's annual real GDP growth is expected to come in at 5.5% in 2023.

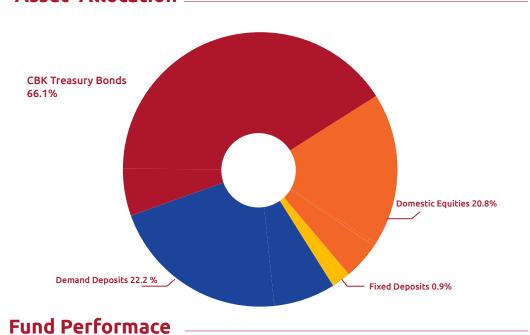
**INTEREST RATES** - - In 4Q23, the short term tenors closed at 15.88%, 15.97% and 15.90% for the 91, 182 and 364-day papers. Investors remained biased towards short maturities.

**INFLATION** - The inflation rate closed the year at 6.6% which was within the upper bound of CBK's target 7.50%. The disinflation was largely due to a slower growth in the food & non-alcoholic beverages following improved supply from better weather conditions.

**EQUITIES** - Market performance declined further in 2023 with all market indices dipping year-on-year; NASI shed 27.5%, NSE 25 shed 24.0%, NSE 20 shed 10.4% and the new N10 index launched on 1st September 2023 to track the top-ten most liquid counters lost 92.49 points or 9.2%. The market continues to be largely affected by foreign investor outflows due to global risk aversion, KES depreciation combined withcentral banks' stance to sustain high rates in advanced economies.

**OUTLOOK** - The fund continues to be conservative, being overweight short-term near cash assets cognizant of the downturn in the equity market due to the impact of currency depreciation and low USD liquidity which continue to weigh on market prices

## Asset Allocation \_\_\_\_\_



#### Who should invest? —

- Typically ready to invest over the medium to long-term.
- Need extra returns at moderate risk.
- Seek to benefit from a well-diversified portfolio of market instruments.

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